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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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I AM VERY OPPOSTED TO THE STATE GIVING \$1BILLION FOR CELL PHONES TO LOW INCOME PEOPLE. THAT LAST THING THEY NEED IS A CELL PHONE, BUT BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WHAT AIDE THEY RECEIVE THEY SPEND ON A CELL PHONE BECAUSE THAT'S ALL THEY DO. THEY DON'T WANT TO WORK. TRY SENDING ONE ON A JOB INTERVIEW AND THEY WILL SCREW IT UP SO AS TO COLLECT UNEMPLOYMENT. WHY SHOULD I WORK 18 HOURS A DAY AND PAY \$73 A MONTH FOR MY PHONE. OUR STATE MONEY NEEDS TO BE SPENT TO PROTECT THE LITTLE CHILDREN WHO HAVE PARENTS THAT WOULD RATHER BUY LOTTERY TICKETS THAN FOOD. THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME MAJOR CHANGES IN THE HAND OUTS OUR GOVERNMENT IS GIVING.

I WAS NEARLY KILLED BY AN UNINSURED, NON LICENSE PERSON IN DOWN TOWN COLUMBIA WHO WAS TALKING ON THE PHONE , RAN THE RED LIGHT AND THREW ME 4 LANES ACROSS THE ROAD. NOTHING HAPPENED TO THIS PERSON, NO FINDS, NO ARREST, NOTHING--TODAY MY LIFE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME. WE NEED LAWS THAT KEEP ANYONE FROM TALKING ON THE PHONE WHILE DRIVING. LOW INCOME PEOPLE NEED A LOT, BUT A CELL PHONE IS NOT ONE OF THEM. BACK IN THE 60's,70's IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE, YOU DID WITHOUT--WE WERE THESE PEOPLE--BUT WORKING EVERYDAY, 2 JOBS A DAY HAS PUT US WHERE WE ARE NOW PAYING FOR THESE, SOME VERY LAZY, TO STAY AT HOME AND TALK ON A CELL PHONE. AND THEY CONTINUE TO BUY LOTTERY TICKETES, BIG PLASMA TV AND SMOKES. STOP MAKING THEM EXPECT EVERYTHING FROM THE GOVERNMENT. GO TO WORK!!!!

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